

Boy Scout News

Assisting Scoutmaster T. J. Seitz in handling the activities of Troop 105, Redwood City, at the weekend Camp-O-Ree was John Jagger, elected senior patrol leader during a troop meeting Wednesday.

TROOP 120

The annual Parents' Night and Bean Feed of Troop 120, Redwood City, was held last week in the social hall of the Congregational Church to celebrate completion of the unit's yearly registration process. Scoutmaster J. J. Seitz reported to Scout headquarters yesterday. Guest of honor was Dist. Chmn. L. B. Dematteis, who presented the troop's new charter to the Rev. F. DeVries, chairman of the church group sponsoring the unit. On hand to greet guests and award the Scouts their membership certificates for the year ending April, 1948, was Scoutmaster Hiram S. Stout.

Garrison and Edward Webster rendered a trombone and saxophone duet, after which the Reverend F. DeVries addressed parents and guests, welcoming them on behalf of the unit. Stout presided over a short court of honor, presenting Tenderfoot pins to Wesley Nakasora, Bob Stipin and Anthony Aguilera; second class badge to Walter Marks, and star rank pins to Edward Webster, Edward Eggleston and Bob Eggleston. Ceremonies were concluded with the showing of movies of the Scout Camp at Pescadero, presented by Dean Borba and Dick Angus, members of the Knights of Dunsmuir, national Eagle Scout honor fraternity.

TROOP 162

More than 200 persons attended the annual Family and Friends Night this week at the Garfield School by Scoutmaster T. J. Seitz, Redwood City, assisted by Scoutmaster Gray A. Wilson. Feature was the presentation of the troop's charter for the coming year by the Rev. A. Benson, chairman of the troop committee and head of the North Fair Oaks Community Church group, which sponsors the unit.

Accepting the charter for the troop were Scoutmasters Ivar Nordstrom and F. H. Koch, Scoutmaster Wilson and his assistants, Bob Lawrence and E. P. Anderson.

Remainder of the evening was devoted to movies arranged for by the Reverend Benson and by awarding of perfect attendance awards to Scouts Bill Johnson and Howard Lee.

PACK 32

Chief business at this week's meeting of Pack 32, Redwood City, was a discussion of plans for the forthcoming council Cub-O-Ree slated for June 1 at the San Bruno City Park.

Cubmaster J. A. Werner presented advancement awards to the following boys:

Joe Sanders and Forrest Moore, Bobcat pins; Robert Maple, one-year service star; George Shannon, Wolf badge; John Brophy, Donald McDaniel, Richard Guinasso and Bernard Bruce, Bear Badges; Robert Graham, Lion badge; John Hall, Robert Maple, John Williams and Frank Ruggiero, Wolf Silver Arrow; Robert Graham and Raymond Faciano, Lion Gold Arrow; Charles Keyser, Bob Gebbie, James Cates, Anthony Guinasso, Richard Penna, Donald Tamatis, Anthony Guinasso, Robert Gebbie, Ray Faciano, Richard Penna and James Cates, Webelos Badges, denoting completion of three years of cubbing. Graduated to Scouting in special ceremonies was Jerome Cinner.

Last days for registrations for Scout Council by winter camp at Pescadero were set this week by scout executives.

Southern Dist. Scouts were required to turn in their applications yesterday at the Redwood City Scout office. Northern county Scouts must submit theirs at the San Bruno office by tomorrow, and the deadline for Central Dist. Scouts is Saturday at Burlingame Scout headquarters.

Plans Continue

City Engineer Cecil Longson said Saturday that the Hudson St. paving job in Redwood City was not threatened by the California Paving Co. seeking federal court assistance yesterday. The firm sought help in financing the completion of four paving jobs at Home View, Menlo Park, Redwood City and Hillsborough.

In a petition, the company asked a composition of its debts and an agreement of creditors to permit the financing. The company is not bankrupt, and listed debts of \$356,473 and assets of \$460,772. It seeks an agreement of creditors to extend its loans so as to complete existing contracts.

Longson said he had seen creditors and that company plans to continue completing the Hudson St. and sidestreet project was assured.

Work on the Hudson St. project was delayed by winter rains. Start of the project had been delayed by failure of property owners early in the summer to agree that they wanted it undertaken.

On Vacation

Superior Judge Aylett R. Cotton will leave this weekend for a month-long vacation in Southern California, court attaches said today.

Tomorrow will be the judge's last day in court before starting on his vacation, and during his absence Judge A. M. Tunnells of Hollister, San Benito County, will substitute on the bench.

Protests Trucks

Superior Judge A. R. Cotton and his son Friday put the skids on operation of L. C. Smith's dump trucks over Borel Ave. in San Mateo.

Or at least until the county planning commission takes a look at the street sometime next week. Objections by the judge, who lives at 207 Borel Ave., and his son, Aylett E. Cotton, San Mateo, made the planning commission back down on its decision to grant a use permit to Smith, San Mateo contractor.

The two Cottons appeared before the planning commission Friday afternoon a few seconds after the commission had seconded a motion to grant the permit. Judge Cotton waved his fist and boomed:

"Operation of the trucks is one of the biggest outrages I have ever heard of in my life."

Borel Ave. was built 40 years ago by my family (and named after his family) and now Smith has made a wreck of it. We taxpayers will have to fix it."

"Furthermore, I don't need an alarm clock now. Smith's trucks wake me every morning." His son downed the commission's suggestion that the matter be straightened out by Smith posting bond to assure repair of the road. He outlined four objections to the operation: 1. destruction of the street in two places, 2. creation of noise, 3. raising of dust so that homes along the road are filled with it, 4. danger to children.

He pointed out that one truck had gone through a fence on the Borel estate recently and had killed a bull. The family was not notified of the accident, but the fence was repaired by someone who strung a piece of barbed wire where the fence had been broken, he said.

Young Cotton said he had protested operation of the trucks last Fall and Smith had promised the San Mateo City Council that he would stop the trucks from Borel.

He charged that Smith was conducting a quarry operation in the hills near Community Hospital and denounced Smith's claim that he is clearing the property for a subdivision. He said that selling of the dirt was Smith's primary consideration and that making a subdivision was a by-product of this operation.

Smith asked how many trucks were seen in operation Friday and Judge Cotton reported, "I counted 20 today myself."

Smith contradicted the judge by claiming his trucks didn't operate at all yesterday and added sarcastically, "there is more behind this than dust."

County attention was drawn to the matter by protests to the City of San Mateo by residents. The planning commission also gave final approval to the rezoning to commercial purposes parts of land along the two-mile stretch of Borel Ave. from the county to compensate for the projected widening of Bayshore Hwy. for the freeway.

Approved new names for about a score of streets in the Redwood City area and denied three proposed names which had been proposed. He decided to study hardship cases of property owners along Willow Rd., where the road plan calls for widening. New construction has been required to have extraordinary setbacks due to the expected widening of the road, and property owners have protested that their property was tied up without chance for financial gain.

Named a committee of its members to study the proposal to build an addition to the county jail.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hader, Menlo Park, a son was born in a San Francisco hospital on May 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Stewart, Redwood City, a son was born in a San Francisco hospital on Apr. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy, Route 2, Box 3214B, Redwood City, a son was born in Mills Memorial Hospital on May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poirier, 910 Edgewood Rd., Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Friedman, 515 15th Ave., Menlo Park, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Towne, 49 Nevada St., Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lohman, Route 1, Box 1078E, Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mynderse, 12 Bishop Ln., Menlo Park, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wright, 2881 Glenheim St., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dolan, 554 Marsh Rd., Menlo Park, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olivera, 442 Madison St., Redwood City, a son was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rogers, 648 Acacia Ln., Redwood City, a daughter was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 14.

Parents' Corner

A COMMUNITY CHURCH

I was invited to speak before a group of Sunday School teachers the other evening, and once more I was impressed by the important part an active church does play in the lives of young people.

The church at which the meeting was held was not big, imposing structure. Though it is fairly rich as a church goes, the men that direct its policies had wisely restrained themselves. Instead of building a single impressive edifice, they had expanded by buying the lots adjoining the church itself, and remodeling the houses for constructive community activities.

The first step in this direction was taken 30 years ago, when a modest building was acquired to house the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the church. There are pictures of the old and a slab log exterior put on it, so that it was like a mountain cabin, although on a city street.

Ever since, this little building has been the focal point of the activities of the 12 to 16-year-olds boys for many blocks around. The walls are lined with trophies the Scout troop has won and there are pictures of "old" Scouts that go back far enough to include the fathers of some of the present generation of members. This building is the boys' club, their hangout, and the place they have used it.

Another building provides quarters for girls' activities. The large Sunday School of the church overlooks into the adjoining buildings, with a real advantage. Instead of the usual cramped little pigeon-hole, hidden from the hall by a dusty monk's cloth curtain, the classes meet in bright, airy rooms of varying sizes and designs.

For the activities attracting both boys and girls, there are ample Christian Endeavor quarters, with their Endeavor insignia, banners, and pictures. Community clubs not affiliated with the church are able to use the facilities for their meetings.

On a Friday night this happy "plant" is a busy, active, happy place. Lights blaze from the smaller surrounding buildings and young folks swing in and out the doors with the happy assurance that they "belong." One who drives by can't help but contrast this church with others that are dark, gloomy and deserted.

The difficulties idle children get into are real and serious, and one of the best preventives of those difficulties is to be found in good constructive recreation. One possibility lies in the greater use of all of our churches. Churches are natural community centers; most of them have facilities available and they have the devoted leadership in their ministers.

How good it would be if more churches could carry out committed to the happy assurance that they "belong." One who drives by can't help but contrast this church with others that are dark, gloomy and deserted.

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Ask for Annex

Members of the San Mateo County Medical Society Saturday asked the board of supervisors to reconsider its action in terminating the leasing of the Community Hospital annex to the hospital.

The problem faced by doctors in the county is that they have no hospital beds available for the average case. Dr. Logan Grey of San Mateo told the board.

The problem is so severe that doctors are forced to send patients out of the county for hospital care, he declared.

The supervisors, after studying a Public Administration Service survey, turned down the application Mills Hospital had presented for renewal of the lease, which expires June 30.

The survey had recommended that the county utilize the annex facilities for the care of the sick, instead of paying for them in private homes, as is now the situation in many instances.

The reason the public has not been made cognizant of the situation, Dr. Grey told the board, is because doctors usually try to treat the sick at home as long as possible, due to financial gain.

As to crowding beds closer together, hospitals must meet state board of health rules, he added.

"I believe taxpayers know that they are assured of having a place to go when they are sick," Dr. William Keys, San Mateo, said.

"I don't know of anything more catastrophic to a family than to have the breadwinner sacrificing his life because of this situation," he added.

Aide Located

John H. Brittan, 28-year-old employee of the Hassler Health Farm, was located by police Saturday.

Those present in addition to the guests of honor were C. J. Jones, Harold Steinberger, Clarence Galt, Roy Yancey, Valentine Cline, Warner Britschgi and Stuart Coppel.

It was interesting to note that there was represented at this banquet 305 years of tanning experience with the same company. S. H. Frank & Co. was started at its present location in 1870 and is the oldest industry in Redwood City. It is planned to make this foreman's dinner an annual affair.

Garden

By ROLLY LANGLEY While most greenhousers have the poison oak well under control around their home gardens, many owners of redwood cities will be running into it circa June 15. Why not run up to your cottage some weekend soon, taking spray gun and 2-4-D. Give all the poison oak a thorough going over so it will be dead when you take up summer residence. Spring is a good time to make the kill. You see the weed-killer works fastest when the plants are growing and making good circulation. Hope that answers Mrs. L.A.H.

"This is the second year I have experimented with pelargonium seedlings," writes Mrs. Wm. E. McKenzie of Albany. "I think I have a new one. It has a large flower, all petals wavy edged. Color is a fairly bright magenta. The leaves are approximately the same with an oblong velvety maroon-black blotch. I haven't seen a pelargonium like it at any nursery or florist's shop. How can I find out about it?"

Easily. The final authority on pelargoniums is William Schmidt, the specialist and president of the American Pelargonium Society. His greenhouses are at 308 Chestnut St. in Palo Alto.

I might say for the benefit of all that the trick isn't in getting something new, but in getting something like "new" in that there are none like it. But the thing to work for is something both new and worthwhile—and different enough from what is available to make people want it for their gardens.

Many seedlings of iris, dahlias, chrysanthemums, fuchsias, gladioli, geraniums, etc., are discarded. Not because they aren't beautiful, but because they are not enough different from what we already have to merit introduction.

The 20th annual convention of the Men's Garden Clubs of America meets in Portland, Ore., May 21-24. The Oakland Business Men's Garden Club is getting a special train to take them to the convention. This train leaves Oakland May 19. Train and Pullman tickets total \$56.70. That doesn't include all the plant material and things the club will need for the convention. Lots of the wives are going, too.

Mrs. V. Smith of Alameda asks what to do about a lilac she wants to move. Right now, prune it back, removing the excess branches and those producing flowers. Keep the soil moist through the summer, and don't move the shrub until next rainy season.

Wm. H. Tudor of Oakland is a bit bewildered by the report from Mrs. E. C. W. of Sacramento who wrote that she doesn't know how to grow tomatoes. Dig down at the side of a granite ledge and see what the soil is like. The soil is watered and irrigating mean the same thing. They go in this column.

As I've pointed out, you can't set your irrigation schedule by anyone's in a different place with a different soil. Some tomato vines would ripen up here, but they wouldn't if they weren't watered until the fruit sets. I merely ran that item to show it takes all kinds.

Test the soil in your garden at the same time. Dig down. If it shows good moisture, don't water the soil. If it seems dry, soak it until the moisture's down there.

R. R. of Inverness planted some strawberries of unknown variety. "They were given to me this Spring. I planted them in a good soil very rich in lime mold at the side of a granite ledge and they have grown very luxuriously, but do not bear. Some of the leaves are almost as large as my hand and they put out runners which I have pinched off. I thought the soil might contain too much nitrogen and needed something else to balance it. Please advise."

Usually strawberries don't put out runners until the following year. That's why I like planting of them. However, if the soil seems unbalanced as to nitrogen, no more will grow. You can counterbalance that by adding superphosphate.

Don't forget that too little sun will also make for lush growth when soil doesn't contain an excess of nitrogen.

Tanners Honor

Last Saturday evening the foremen of S. H. Frank & Co. entertained at a banquet for Charles Agrotti, foreman of the tan yard, who retired last August after 46 years with the tannery, and Ernest Drivon, who retired May 1, this year, as chief engineer after 50 years' service.

Peter Locatelli was also a guest although he has not yet retired. Mr. Locatelli has been at the tannery 51 years.

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New Arrival

New arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco on May 8 was Carol Jean Arsenault, who tipped the scales at 5 pounds, 13 ounces.

Carol is the first daughter for the 2nd Arsenaults of San Carlos. Just at present mother and daughter are still in San Francisco but will soon be at home with father and brother, Dennis, at 1862 Brittan Ave., San Carlos.

Vera Fund

The plight of Vera Calderon tugged at the heartstrings and the purse strings of Redwood City people.

Without solicitation or even an appeal for funds, money began coming into the Tribune office Saturday morning.

First was a note from Roy Ruiz, county fire dispatcher: "I am enclosing \$1 to start the ball rolling. It seems to me that if Redwood City's 12,000 population there ought to be 900 who would contribute a buck that won't be missed to purchase the necessary streptomycin for Vera Calderon."

Next contributor was Mrs. W. J. Gingham, 411 Hamilton St., who wrote: "Enclosed find \$5 to start a fund to save the life of Vera Calderon. I only wish I could donate more. I don't think there should be a doubt in anyone's mind about seeing that this girl gets the treatment she needs."

Armando De Guepe, 318 Linden St., sent the counter with another \$5 contribution.

Lee Alderman sent this note from Room 156, McKinley School: "Class survey medical care for the Redwood City girl mentioned in last evening's Tribune." With it a box containing \$17.15, much of it in nickels, dimes and pennies.

Employees had turned \$101.50 over to the Tribune Saturday afternoon for the fund.

By noon the spontaneous, unsolicited response of Tribune readers totaled \$129.65.

Willie Williamson of Cooke's Cafe, 2047 Broadway, said she had collected \$25 by 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon that a similar amount had been promised for the fund.

It was announced Saturday afternoon that the Tribune by properly placing the money in trust for the donors for one week. In view of the fact that an adequate supply of streptomycin has been assured the Calderon girl by the Board of Supervisors, it may be that contributors will want their funds returned.

The money may be had upon request to the Tribune by properly identifying the contributors.

If the money remains on deposit, it will be turned over to the Vera Calderon Fund, in process of formation Saturday, for the purpose of supplying streptomycin to persons not otherwise able to obtain it.

Meanwhile the contributions for Vera Calderon promised to swell into the thousands of dollars.

Mrs. Petra Cooper, teacher of the social living class at Sequoia High School, where Vera is a student, has collected \$145 for the fund. A collection which it hopes will total \$400 from the students (at 20 cents each) and \$500 from the faculty. About \$145 has been collected since noon.

The social living class has been sending gifts to the stricken girl for the past few weeks.

Edwin E. Michelsen, business agent of AFL Butchers Local 516, called early Saturday morning with an offer to buy the streptomycin. He said he was authorized to offer any amount needed "from \$100 to \$900."

An unidentified person called Community Hospital Friday night offering \$500.

Raid Drug Store

Burglars early Friday morning broke into Lock's Drug Store at Sixth and Ralston Aves., Belmont, and made off with \$150 in cash, Belmont police reported.

Chief Stanley Botton said that Mrs. Ruth Simpson, who lives next door to the drug store, phoned police at 2:45 a.m. after hearing what sounded like persons walking on the drug store roof.

According to Botton, the burglars broke into the building through a skylight and took the money from a shelf in the back room.

Police officers arrived a few minutes too late, Botton said, and neither the burglars nor their car could be found. Police cars from San Carlos and the sheriff's office aided in the search.

Botton said that employees of the drug store claim that nothing was taken from the building except for the \$150.

Last night's theft was the second burglary reported in Belmont within two weeks. Lock's was opened only last week.

\$83.400 Suit

A suit for \$83,400 was filed in superior court Tuesday by Edward Keeble, a contractor, and the South San Francisco Land and Improvement Co., over an alleged breach of contract.

The defendants are Louis Piombo, Bernard Piombo and Felix Siri, doing business as the Piombo Bros. & Co., contractors.

Piombo firm contracted with the state on June 26, 1946, to construct a half-mile of road in South San Francisco for \$270,665.50. The firm was to get rock and earth fill from Keeble and the land firm.

Keeble charges that \$16,400 is still unpaid for earth supplied by him. He and the Piombo firm obtained free fill from the Bethlehem Steel Corp. instead of paying the plaintiffs 8 cents per cubic yard for the 200,000 cubic yards named in the contract.

The land company also charges that it cost \$55,000 to do the excavation which would have been done had the Piombo firm lived up to its contract.

25th Anniversary

In recognition of its 25th year of operation as one of the first district junior colleges to be organized, San Mateo Junior College has set aside an Alumni Week, May 19-24, and faculty and students have worked out a program that will appeal to alumni, students and to the general public.

Back in 1922, when W. L. Glascock was superintendent of the San Mateo High School District and of the newly organized junior college district, 36 students started junior college classes in the high school building. At the close of the college year one student was granted his diploma, as he already had attended another college for a year.

From that small beginning, the college has gone on to develop a student body of 1850 students, with an adult center enrolling from four to five thousand adults each year, and with a graduation class of more than 2000 students.

In the Fall of 1946 the rapidly growing college was moved to the Kohl mansion in the San Mateo City Park. There, by using tents and some classrooms in the high school plant, it was able to care for some hundreds of students until the Fall of 1947 when it purchased the high school plant on Baldwin Ave., which, with its new 30-acre campus on Peninsula Ave., where two new buildings have been erected, it still occupies.

Three members of the original faculty are still teaching at the college: Miss E. Gertrude Cook, Dean Harold Taggart, and Sam Francis. They, with Dr. Elizabeth Balderston, Miss Ad. Beveridge, Miss Dorothy Herrington, Dr. Frank Stanger, Errol McCallister, Fredric Roehr and George Pomeroy, plus Miss Winifred Stetson and John W. Stetson of the student body, make up the committee in charge of Alumni Week.

Invitations have been mailed to a large number of the former students to attend the anniversary events, and those alumni whose addresses now are not known by the college staff, are extended the same invitation.

A group mailing out the hundreds of invitations included Shirley Tiedman, Irene Dawson, Ellen Goetz, Miss Cook, Valerie Blumenthal, Shirley Schmidt, Norma Turbit, Walter Simpson, Elliott Horsman, and Miss Stetson.

Plans are to have an open house on both campuses Tuesday evening at which time the campus will be open for inspection, carrying on the actual canny work.

Wednesday evening a music recital will be featured by the college music department, with the band, men's glee club, women's chorus, and soloists listed on the program.

An anniversary dinner, Thursday night, will be held at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin, with local citizens, some faculty members, and representatives from other colleges and universities attending. President Charles Morris will give a short talk on the college's history while the men's glee club will sing a quartet of service to the Peninsula.

A presentation of the term "Alumni Week" will be staged Friday evening by the college Players Club. The alumni will be guests and the play will be followed by alumni meeting the faculty.

Former classmates at a reception in Julia Bayard Hall right next to the campus, following the play.

Anniversary Week will close Saturday evening with the alumni banquet at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Short talks from representatives of different classes will feature the program. As room is at a premium, many of the faculty will have to come late to this event to meet the alumni at the close of the dinner. A student body dance that evening will be open to the former students as guests.

Spending Report

Compilation of a Redwood City consumer spending report was announced Tuesday by E. W. (Ned) Butler, chamber of commerce manager and vice president.

The service will be a cooperative undertaking of businessmen and the Federal Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.

It provides a monthly series of trade reports. Report forms will be sent directly to the businessmen from the bureau's headquarters in Washington. Each form includes an addressed envelope which requires no postage. The report will take business men only a few minutes to prepare, the bureau claims.

It asks the total sales of the current month, the preceding month and the same month a year ago. All information contained in reports is confidential and no individual figures are accessible to any other governmental agency or bureau.

Reports are coded and tabulated in Washington and from these figures the monthly trade reports are issued. Copies of the final survey are sent to each cooperating establishment.

There is no charge for the service, Robert J. Milliken, field supervisor, said. The program, he explained, is authorized by Congress.

Legion Backing

Moral support, but no financial aid, for litigation involving overcharges for home construction was voted by the California department of the American Legion's executive committee during closing sessions of a two-day parley at Fresno last Sunday.

Referring specifically to 24 law suits pending in San Mateo County, the committeemen voted against financial support for the litigation, but agreed to give moral support to similar cases throughout the state when it was announced veterans stand to lose millions of dollars in above contract prices charged by contractors.

Pending in superior court here are suits by veterans who charged that Walton A. Gould of Gould Construction Co., San Carlos, illegally raised prices of their homes in Sunset Highlands, San Carlos.

Rollins MacFadyen of Los Angeles, chairman of the statewide housing committee, asserted the situation rapidly is approaching a "national disgrace." He cited numerous instances where contract prices were set at \$8000 but by the time the veterans were ready to move into their homes the prices had been boosted to as high as \$10,850.

Most of the suits involving the San Carlos homes allege increases of more than \$2000.

No Torpedoes Here

Dist. Atty. Gilbert D. Ferrell Saturday declared he had received no evidence of an influx of gangsters from the East, but promised to keep a constant watch for them.

His statement followed the gangster slaying of Nicholas (Nick) De John, 40, whose body was found late yesterday stuffed in the trunk of his own expensive automobile in San Francisco. De John was a former Chicago hoodlum.

Gangsters and other hoodlums have been reported in the Bay Area looking for a place "to land."

"We have gambling troubles here, but no gangster problem, enough in our own county with out sending the gangsters engraved invitations to come out here," Ferrell said.

Asked about the gangsters "bumping each other off," Ferrell declared: "We ought to give them a vote of thanks."

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Books

BY HAZEL RICHARDSON

During the war years many people who had read *Land Below the Wind*, one of the most delightful and unusual travel books ever written, were concerned about its author, Agnes Newton Keith. For it was the kind of a book which gave the reader a feeling of personal acquaintance with the author and the Borneo which she wrote of so well. The last news to reach this country of her was that she and her husband and baby son were prepared to hide in the jungles when the Japanese came, but the enemy came before they could accomplish their plan, and on Jan. 19, 1942 the Keiths were taken prisoners and remained in captivity until Sept. 11, 1945.

Three Came Home is the record of that captivity. It is one of the memorable books to come out of the war. It is a moving, sincere account of human courage and love in triumph over hate and hopelessness. If it were universally read there would be much less talk of a third world war, since Mrs. Keith has described with painful accuracy the conditions of war and what it does to the imprisoned and the captor alike.

For four years she was forced to work at hard labor in the tropics. She lived under unbelievable conditions of filth and humiliation; she stoic and begged and connived to get enough food to keep her child alive. She was slapped, kicked, bullied and tortured. And the remarkable thing about this record—for there have been many records of suffering to come out of the war—is that its author is now able to write without resentment; indeed, she believes that the Japanese as she knew them were that way because war made them so.

On the ship coming to America after her release she heard stories from young American soldiers of the atrocities they had committed against the enemy. With great understanding Mrs. Keith writes, "War brutalizes all who touch it; if it did not do so it could not be endured."

Three Came Home is an important book and a warning to a nation that "it is better to give more and to have less and to keep peace than to fight."

Mary Hallam, a new novel by Susan Ertz, is an understating study of modern youth and its personal problems set against the troubled background of today. Mary Hallam, barely in her twenties, felt she had seen and had enough of life. Her family were a silly, pleasure loving step-mother and a helpless father. In friendship she had known betrayal, in love distaste. She is rescued from her suicidal state of mind by a sturdy English countryman who shows her that with wholesome relationship life may be happy and rewarding.

Called "a book for everyone who will ever be 60, and for everyone who is, or has been, 60." *Aging Successfully* by George Lawton is a sensible and well founded discussion of the problems which are of importance to older people: financial independence, retirement, relations between old and young, love, the learning of new skills, and the place of the older person in society.

The topics discussed are entertainingly illustrated by anecdotes and case histories.

For an evening at home the delightfully improbable novel, *The Reluctant Widow* by George Heyer, is recommended. The story is set in England in the days of the Regency. The heroine, a young thing trying to make her way in the world, is whisked away from a respectable position as governess to one of those estates you find only in English novels of that kind of history. There she is persuaded to marry a rake who is on his death bed in order to save his kinsman (who, needless to say, turns out to be the hero) from inheriting a fortune. If this does not seem sensible, we can only point out that what *The Reluctant Widow* lacks in sensibility it makes up for in entertainment value.

DDT and the Insect Problem by James Leary and others is written in non-technical language and gives the reader complete facts about using today's No. 1 insect killer. Instructions are given for handling it properly and safely both for large and small scale uses.

Joint Installation
The San Mateo-Santa Clara counties council post and auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held a joint installation last Saturday at the Veterans Hall in Palo Alto.

Vera Hammer of this city was installed as president for the ensuing year, succeeding Alice Foulks, also of this city.

Katherine Dean acted as conductor and the color bearers were Ruth Hanley, Lorraine Sparks, Evelyn Dietrich, Helen Bane. The flag bearer was Lillian Sanders.

The table decorations, which were May poles with dancing dolls dressed in pastels and May baskets filled with bouquets of flowers, were made and arranged by Ruth Hanley and Eva Kirk.

Mind Changers

The San Mateo County Civil Service Commission

Friday held a half-day hearing on the troubles of the health and welfare department but discovered only that everybody has had a change of mind except former Chief Sanitarian John W. Fickelsen.

The commission, after a six-hour public hearing, decided to substitute better grades for four county employees who had received poor performance ratings, and to place on the eligible list Mrs. Josephine Gava, who was fired from her job as telephone operator at Community Hospital.

In determining to make Mrs. Gava a clerk's job in the health department, the commission scored Dr. Charles C. Gans, health director, for his failure to back up charges made against her.

"The commission rules, that in view of the fact that the director of public health and welfare, Dr. Gans, has failed utterly to either prepare any case in behalf of the county's interest in the matter, or to present any witnesses in the matter, the commission has no alternative but to render a decision in favor of Mrs. Gava," the commission announced.

"However, the commission declares that in general it is opposed to restoring names to eligible lists when any appreciable criticism is brought against probationary employees such as in the case at point, or provisional employees who do not have permanent civil service status."

Mrs. Gava had been fired from Community Hospital on charges of refusing to obey orders relative to the blood bank, and for drinking before going to work, and taking a pet turtle, Mortise, to work with her.

She was dismissed by J. E. Crawford, business manager of the hospital, who had cited the case was appealed by Mrs. Gava.

Dr. Gans Friday presented no witnesses or evidence in the case.

In the performance rating appeals, the officials who had graded the employees had a change of heart, the commission was told, except for Fickelsen who claimed that he had correctly graded Sanitarian Fred Collins.

The commission heard Collins call Fickelsen a "grading 'nothing but spit words'."

The commissioners also discovered that Fickelsen had allowed the sanitarians to grade their own papers.

"There was some misunderstanding between Fickelsen and myself over the ratings," Collins said. "Fickelsen stated that the next rating he would let us mark our own papers."

"He gave us the papers and I marked mine in what I thought a fair manner."

"Fickelsen then put bad marks against me."

Collins also declared that W. Emerson, the present acting chief sanitarian, had been told by Fickelsen to grade the papers and put "bad" marks against Collins. Smith had substituted for Fickelsen while the latter was ill, but his rating later was disallowed by the commission.

Collins, who has held his job for more than 10 years, had received a D for the first half of 1946 and a C minus for the second half.

Fickelsen told the commission that Collins did not have "good technical training" for the job because he lacked academic training.

Upon questioning, he told the commission that he thought four of the eight sanitarians also had poor technical training since they too lacked the academic work.

Collins produced letters and witnesses testifying to the quality of his work.

The commission, which last week refused to allow Dr. Gans to substitute new gradings for the employees, itself substituted the higher ratings.

Supervising Public Health Nurse Hilda Schneider, who had been given an E rating by Dr. Gans, was given her 1945 grade of 80 or a C.

Mary Ann Fugina was given a C plus and her sister, Ivah, a B. Both of the public health nurses had received D grades for the last half of 1946 and the substituted grade was what each had received for the first six months of the year.

Collins was granted a B, the grade he had received in 1945.

70 Take Exams.

Seventy applicants for the job of deputy sheriff Saturday morning took written examinations at Sequoia High School.

The number represents a record for any county position, Russell J. Conney, secretary of the civil service commission declared.

Five positions will be open with the start of the fiscal year July 1 if the board of supervisors approves the salary budget. The board already has given preliminary approval to the creation of the five new positions.

The successful candidates will have to pass physical examinations and then take oral examinations to be scheduled later.

The civil service commission also gave examinations Saturday morning to seven candidates for the position of criminal investigator in the district attorney's office. Frank Marlowe, who is holding the job now on a temporary basis, was among those who took the examination.

Dist. Atty. Gilbert D. Ferrell said that future plans include the creation of a second position of criminal investigator, primarily for the handling of traffic deaths. He has not asked for the new position under the 1947-48 budget, he declared, because he has no office space for a second investigator.

Officers Installed

Mrs. Oscar Larson, counselor for the Lincoln School and 17th District home service department chairman, installed the new officers of the Lincoln Parent Teacher Assn. Wednesday when the PTA held an evening meeting.

Pins were presented to the new officers and corsages were given to them of flowers donated by Mrs. Samuel Cohen and arranged by Mrs. A. Ghanfermo.

Mrs. Larson compared the offices held to precious stones and reminded members too that their children were precious stones.

Those officers installed were Mrs. C. W. Eltringham, president; Mrs. Wendell Eardley, vice president; Mrs. Arthur Payne, recording secretary; Mrs. Lino Nicoll, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Sherwin, treasurer; Mrs. John Tomlin, financial secretary; Mrs. Ruth Sessions, historian; Mrs. Virginia Folson, auditor; and Mrs. Charles Padgett, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Padgett, retiring president, presided at the meeting. Mrs. S. S. Mayo gave the character thought. Annual reports of the retiring officers were given and Mrs. R. W. Tull reported on the informal dance, "Under the Big Top," which is being given tonight from 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the school.

Roy N. Cloud Jr. reported on the recent picnic given for the safety patrol.

Mrs. Cloud, it was announced, was recently elected to the position of director of health for the 17th District of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mrs. Padgett reported on the 17th district convention which was held at Sequoia High School recently and Mrs. Eltringham and Mrs. Eardley reported on the convention at Long Beach. Mr. Andrew Spinas, superintendent of elementary schools discussed the recent Almack report.

Chairmen for the coming year were announced. They are Mrs. Eardley, program; Mrs. Joseph Franceschi, hospitality; Mrs. Walter Murphy, room representative; Mrs. D. R. Chapman, membership; Mrs. F. Blom, publicity; Mrs. Samuel Cohen, parent education; Mrs. Otto Ramon, health and welfare; Mrs. Richard Bell, safety; Mrs. Harry Love, magazine; Mrs. Frank A. Leffer, community; Mrs. John Quigley, ways and means; Mrs. Charles Vannucci, radio and motion picture; Mrs. Rexton Rainey, receptionist.

Mrs. Gianfermo, retiring hospitality chairman, was in charge of the refreshments which were served by the fifth and sixth grade room mothers. A revolving May pole was the centerpiece for the table and story-book dolls were the dancers. Bouquets of pink and blue flowers in the style of old-fashioned nosegays were placed on the table also.

The new and the old executive boards will meet at the school on Thursday at 10 a.m.

SC Toastmasters

The third meeting of the new San Carlos Toastmasters Club was very well attended last Monday evening at the Gables and a most interesting, educational and inspiring meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The chairman of the evening was Norman Meyers. Mr. Fred Miller spoke on "What's Wrong With the Air Lines."

Mr. Bob Hagen spoke on "Is There Room for One More?" Mr. Bill Childs spoke on "What Happen to You." Mr. Clarence Nolan spoke on "The Tin Can." Mr. Bill Robertson spoke on "Exploring Toastmasters" and the educational benefits that he derived from one meeting.

Mr. Gabe Gaberson, lieutenant governor of Toastmasters, spoke on the "Growth of the Area From San Francisco to San Jose" and also the fact that the organization has trained many men to speak for various organizations such as Red Cross and Parent-Teacher Assns., thus rendering a useful channel of service in the life of the respective communities.

Mr. Everett Kincaid, the president of the Burlingame Toastmasters, was a visitor and spoke on the subject of "Toastmasters and How Popular It Has Become in Burlingame."

The table topic for the evening was "Should There Be Daylight Saving Time or No?"

All members were invited to attend the granting of a charter to a new Oakland Toastmaster Club to be held tonight at the Coit Hotel in Oakland.

Mr. Dale Collins acted as evaluator on all speeches made. Mr. Frank Murphy of the Redwood City Club arranged the entire program and Messrs. Norman Meyer, Olin Kimball and Harry Love took care of the new membership department.

The next meeting will be held Monday evening at the Gables restaurant in Burlingame at 6:30 p.m.

There possibly will be room for a few more members as the charter will close at 30 members. All those who are interested in learning to think and talk in public are welcome to attend.

Two hundred fifty members and guests were present Saturday night when the Redwood City Optimist Club received its charter during rites at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Fred Crafon, who was installed as president, reported that there are 101 charter members in the Redwood City group, making it the largest service club on the Peninsula.

Crafon reported that special permission has been granted by international headquarters to keep its charter open until tomorrow's meeting at the Three Owls.

Regular meeting date for the new club is Tuesday at 12:15. Crafon pointed out the group intends to take an active part in civic affairs and will sponsor a strong boys' work program in an effort to reduce juvenile delinquency in this area.

In addition to Crafon, the following officers were installed: Fred Silvey, Budd Stevenson, John Laginbat, Al Pushkin, Frank Stowe, Al Hushkin, Bert Holmes, Ed Mason, B. E. Berman and John Schrepfer.

Garden

My Atlas doesn't mention Guinda. It lists only places of 1000 or more inhabitants. But there is a Guinda, with a post office, as a recent letter from Mrs. A. G. Gans tells me. Mrs. Mary R. Shell who writes: "We enjoy reading your articles and wonder if we might ask about staking up tomato plants. We have grown a good many plants and tomatoes, but as the summer goes on the plants grow very rank and sprawl all over the ground, making it difficult to keep out the weeds and to cultivate."

"I understand they must be pruned to stake them, but how and when I will greatly appreciate learning."

Put the stakes down 12-18 inches deep before planting (if possible) and then set the plants about six inches away from the stakes. This is to avoid chaffing of the main stem.

As the tomatoes grow, you'll notice a tendency (a) for growth to the pole, (b) for growth to the main stem and (c) for growth to the side branches. If allowed to develop, this secondary side growth will slow down top growth which you wish to promote in getting the vines up the pole. If allowed to develop, this sucker growth will sometimes produce fruit, but often it doesn't, and in any case, you won't lose in overall production by pinching off the stems at the base of the vines.

You'll also notice a tendency for the top growth to divide, or branch, or fork—call it what you like. But it's better to train the vines up the poles, you must decide on one of these tips and cut the other off.

When the tomato plants are a foot high, you can make your first tie to the pole. Clip several inches wide are quite satisfactory. First tie the cloth securely around the pole, leaving two ties from the knot long enough to encircle the knot this allows the necessary play, but still supports the vine to the pole.

The sooner you remove growth which saps strength away from the tips you want to promote, naturally the sooner you'll get your vines up the poles.

Don't let your tomato vines suffer for lack of water. Once the tomatoes have set, they need lots more water. Robert Butterfield of Palo Alto thinks maybe an applied oo much water last week. He thinks maybe that's why his vines started bearing, then withered and died.

This is hard to believe. Virus diseases often attack when the plants get into bearing. But they don't come from too much water.

Frances E. Daniels of Sacramento writes that last year her husband decided that training the tomatoes up poles was too much trouble. "So they were worn-out and bug-eaten and didn't thrive so well. Now, just as I should we have prepared our ground."

Get it in good condition for growing any kind of plants—in other words, nothing special. If worms dig holes up, dust or spray with multi-purpose insecticide to repel them. . . . Keeping the vines off the ground will stop some of this trouble. . . . another argument is the more uniform ripening of the more globular shape of the fruits when you train your vines up a pole or a trellis.

Where there's a will, there's a way, and Ours Town sort of proves it again. "Our lot is low and has a natural drain crossing through it. So we were in a spot. It took tons of fill to get it where we could plant seeds and expect any crop."

"We used about every kind of

Chairmen Announced
The Business and Professional Women's Club met at the First Congregational Church Wednesday evening for the regular business meeting presided over by Mrs. Ruth Barrett, newly elected president.

Chairmen of the standing and special committees were announced at the meeting. Chairmen of the standing committees are Mrs. Eleanor Faure, education and vocations; Mrs. Alice Reinhard, finance; Mrs. Lucy Balsamo, health and safety; Mrs. Florence Magruder, international relations; Miss Mura Stilleston, legislation; Mrs. Nelle Miramontes, membership; Mrs. Jeanne Markovitz, news service; Mrs. Edna Swift, public affairs; Mrs. Helen Harper, program coordination.

Chairmen of the special committees are Mrs. Harriet Lincoln, emblem; Miss Ruth Brown, publications; Mrs. Margaret Garl, music; Mrs. Minnie Solari, sunshine; Mrs. Violet Thomas, bulletin; Mrs. Olive Kogelschatz, reservations; Mrs. Jesse Choate, historian; Mrs. Nelle Miramontes, pal chairman.

Changes in the local bylaws were discussed and Mrs. Lauretta Hodge was appointed as chairman of the bylaws revision committee. Working with her on the committee will be Mrs. Mary Tarratt, Mrs. Vivienne Stinson, Mrs. Mura Stilleston and Miss Margaret Dokse.

The next dinner meeting will be held at the First Congregational Church with Mrs. Edna Swift as chairman.

Will Filed
A petition to probate the will of Irving Randall Jr. of Menlo Park was filed Tuesday in superior court here.

Mr. Randall, a building contractor, was killed May 5 in an automobile accident on Coast Hwy. near Moss Beach. He was 33 years old.

According to a will dated Feb. 17, 1943, the estate, which is expected to approximate \$25,000, is left to his widow, Ruth, and two daughters, Jane, 8, and Barbara, 6. Mrs. Randall lives at 1245 Rosefield Wy., Menlo Park.

Vote Funds
The state highway commission meeting in Sacramento Thursday voted \$2,691.17 additional funds for installation of traffic signals and canalization at Geneva Ave. and Visitation Ave., on the Bayshore Hwy.

The commission already had allocated \$76,000 to the project, and the additional funds were necessary, the commission pointed out, because of increasing materials and labor cost.

Approve Prefabs

Prefabricated houses can now be constructed in Redwood City. The city council passed a motion Monday night approving the granting of permits, under set conditions, to a builder of prefabs.

Some six months ago, City Mgr. E. W. Blom said, the city had investigated prefabs, deciding not to permit their erection in the city.

Since then, he continued, one has been completed off Jefferson Ave., outside city limits. Bldg. Insp. L. M. Duncan, Blom stated, is satisfied the prefab can meet building code restrictions and that builders now can offer a variety of design.

Since the council was not on sound legal ground in keeping out the prefabs, he urged that it reconsider its former action.

Councilman Carl (Ike) Britschgi said he had talked to Joseph Follette, 3410 Dover St., distributor for Ford Factory-Built Homes, and that Follette was willing to promise that no rows of identical houses would be built.

In approving construction by Follette, the council asked that he first post written notice of such a promise.

Both Britschgi and Blom said the prefabs presented attractive appearing homes.

The Vera Calderon Fund, accumulated at the offices of the Redwood City Tribune and Burlingame Advance, will be turned over to the girl and her father for use as they require. This was the decision reached Tuesday by George McQueen, publisher of the Advance, and R. L. Spangler, publisher of the Tribune.

It was pointed out at Redwood City that the Vera Calderon Fund, another crisis: housing. City health inspectors have deliberately stayed away from the quarters now occupied by the family because they believe they would have no alternative but to condemn the premises, according to City Mgr. E. W. Blom.

Blom said he believed an immediate appeal should be made to help the family a better place to live.

The Vera Calderon Fund accumulated at the Tribune office. Previously acknowledged \$294.65. Friends and members of the San Mateo County Cement Millworkers' Local 760. . . . 41.50. Sal Caleagno. . . . 10.00. Club Tonga. . . . 8.00.

Total (on deposit, American Trust Co.) \$354.15

Shows Growth

District Supt. Roy Wilson of San Francisco presided Monday evening at the Fourth Quarterly Conference at the First Methodist Church of Redwood City. This is the annual business meeting of the church, at which time officials and department heads of the church make their reports. Officers are also elected for the new year beginning June 1.

Reports showed progress in all departments of the church. During the two years of the present pastorate 111 new members have been received. Enrollment and attendance in the young people's work has more than doubled. The financial budget adopted for next year is an advance of 25 per cent over the present year.

The annual conference of the Methodist Church, comprising Northern California meets in Stockton at the College of the Pacific on June 18. Mrs. Helen Myers and Mrs. Clinton Gleason are the lay representatives of the Redwood City Church.

The following are the officers of the Redwood City church for the coming year: Pastor, Rev. J. H. Carter; Bishop Jr., Miss Ellen Adams; and Irving Kesterson. Serving as trustees for the 1949 class are John Layton, Virgil Reed and Earl Hook. Ernest Baker, Donald Bogie and Harry Reed are trustees for the class of 1950.

Stewards elected for the coming church term are Messrs. E. L. Johnson, H. M. Carscallen, Ben Leese, Clinton Gleason, John Marcroft, Ed Mason, Harold Dimick, James Moore, Kenneth Bowen, Carl Dillon, Kenneth Sanders, James Dodge, James Batchelor, Harry Reed, Earl Whitaker, A. Davidson, A. E. James and Ben Williams.

Mesdames Mary Schmitz, Alice Aldis, Louis LaPayette, Ben Leese, Clinton Gleason, Virgil Reed, James Moore, Carl Dillon, Hilda Bogie, James Dodge, John Furnas, Pearl Snider, W. O. Swan and Willis Coons.

Misses Dorothy Storm and Betty Clark.

Heads of departments and organizations are Donald Bogie, general superintendent of the church school; Mrs. Virgil Reed, W.S.C.S. president; James Batchelor, adult discussion group president; Carl Dillon, Wesleyan club president; James Reed, young adult fellowship; Alice Bogie, Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship; Randall Henderson, intermediate M.Y.F. president; Richard Watson, Junior M.Y.F. president; Mrs. Dorothy Moore, counselor Junior M. Y. F.; Mrs. Kenneth Sanders, counselor intermediate M.Y.F. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chisholm, counselors M.Y.F. senior group.

Forum

To the Editor:
Again I ask "Do we need a town hall forum?"

The R. C. Tribune in the issue of May 6, reports under the headline "R. C. Merchants May Revolt Against Tax" that "Councilman McNulty said he was threatened by a recall from merchants who in addition were threatening Blom's position."

I submit to the good people of Redwood City that the city government and administration are not under our democratic system intended to operate for the main benefit of the merchants or any other given special group but for the people as a whole.

In our form of government it was the intent that the will of the majority shall prevail. Of course, if by our silence we acquiesce and allow the merchants or other minority groups to pressure our officials, whether elected or appointed, we have no reason to gripe at such officials. On the contrary each and every citizen, be he merchant, doctor, lawyer or worker (Indian Chief) should make it a point to vote at least once or two a week to his civic duty. In Town Hall Forum meetings he could make known his sentiments on the complex problems constantly facing our public servants, give us good government economically.

If you want good government you have got to work for it. If you want your officials to stay honest and sincere in performing their duties, you have to give them guidance and moral support. You cannot do it by electing them, and the saying, "George, you do it, I've done my part when I voted for or against you."

Do the people of Redwood City want a town hall and its forum meetings? I am certain that the Tribune editor's offer to sponsor it still stands, and that he is waiting for your response.

—LOUIS WEISS.

Editor:
More power to Principal Homer Spellenberg of the John Gill School. If more principals had principles to equal those of Mr. Spellenberg's the school system would need no Dr. Almack surveys.

One outspoken member of high ideals in the community is far more important than those who speak for others.

What Redwood City needs is another four square.

MRS. D. T. BURCH.
Lincoln School PTA member

DAVID N. SCHUTZ and RICHARD HARRIS will fly to Sacramento Thursday afternoon with Dan Robertson for the state Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Receives Charter

The newly organized San Carlos Kiwanis Club was presented with its charter Monday at ceremonies at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in San Mateo. Sponsoring club was the Kiwanis Club of Redwood City.

Ferris Miles, lieutenant-governor of Division 2 and former president of the Redwood City club, was presiding officer, and International Trustee J. Hugh Jackson welcomed the San Carlos group into the Kiwanis International.

The charter was presented by Dr. C. Norman Abbott, governor of the California-Nevada District, and accepted by Benjamin Pfeiffer, president of the San Carlos group.

Besides Pfeiffer, officers of the new chapter included Wes Frater, vice president; Ray Kidder, secretary, and Graham Adams, treasurer.

Group singing was led by Otis M. Carrington, charter member of the Redwood City club. Speakers included Thom Rhorabough, Kidder, Arthur Scott and Frater, in addition to the international and district officials.

Plans Told

Irene Peterson presented at the meeting of the Redwood City Club of Zonta International which was held Monday at 13 Falcone Bldg.

The club as yet is in the initial stages of organization and committee chairmen made reports of their primary activities. Suggestions for future activities were made by members and detailed to the proper committee for consideration.

Bessie Hayes, chairman of the committee to formulate the bylaws for the club in this city, reported the work done and reviewed the changes made in the initial outline. Members voted unanimously to accept the bylaws and constitution as presented.

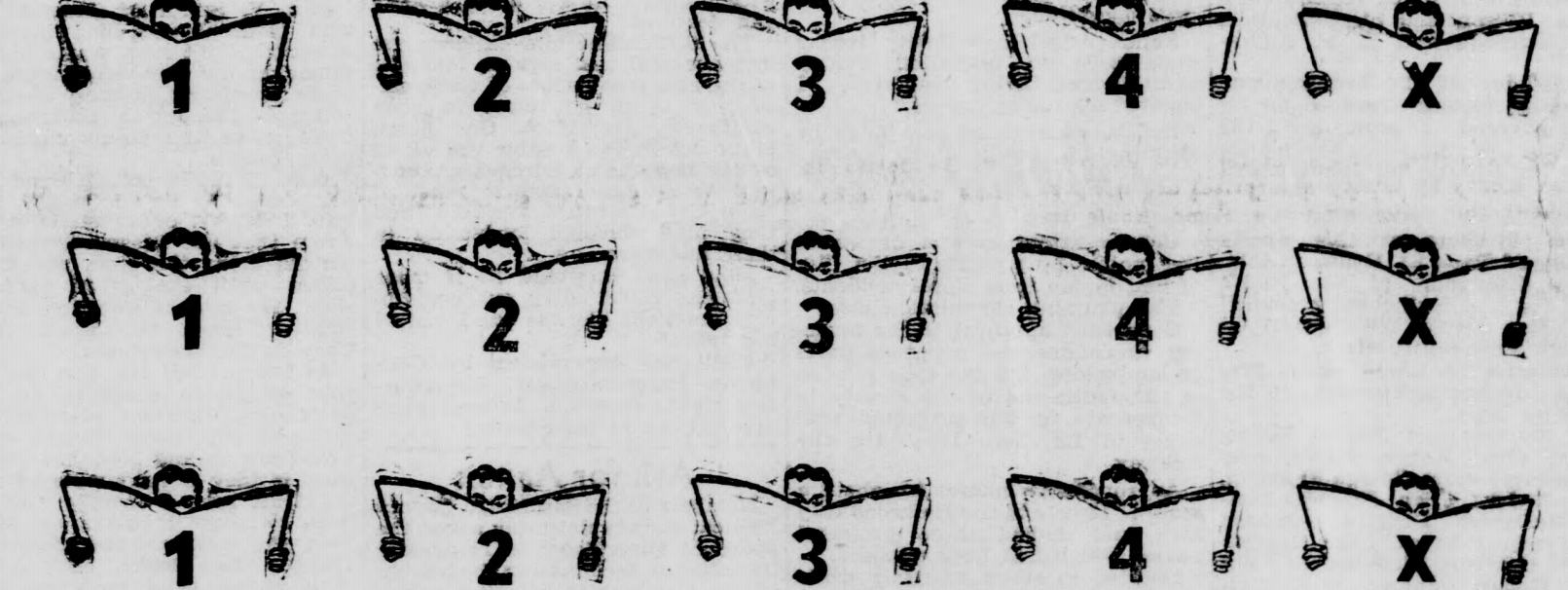
Two meetings a month will be held with the first meeting to be a luncheon and business meeting held the first Thursday of each month at 12 noon at Ramo Oaks. The other meeting, which will be a social meeting, to be held the third Monday evening of each month.

Members Welcomed

At the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary 105 Friday evening new members who are to be initiated at the district meeting held in Menlo Park in June were welcomed.

Those members are Alvina Alexander, Lucy Balsamo, Mirra Henry, Virginia Isometsa, Edith Lowe and Irene Mulvaney.

Preparations were made for the poppy sale Friday and Saturday of this week.

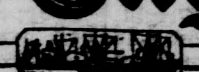


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ASSORTED THOUGHTS of a vagrant mind: The mere fact that a big sign says "Pedestrians Have Right of Way," or "Stop for Pedestrians," is not enough to guarantee safety for all foot traffic. Last year, 30 per cent of all persons killed on streets in the United States and highways were pedestrians. The pedestrian needs to do some looking out for himself. The law alone is not enough. . . . What this country needs more than a good five-cent cigar is a stinkless pipe tobacco. Yes, I know that "odorless" would be a less offensive word. But it wouldn't convey the meaning so well. . . . The head of a lost-and-found department is impressed by the number of times he comes across lensless spectacles—frames worn without glasses, for effect supposedly. . . . Speaking of spectacles, I note that some are being offered now with frames ornamented with jewels. . . . Henry Brooks Adams said: "Although the Senate is much given to admiring in its own members a superiority less obvious or quite invisible to outsiders, no senator seldom proclaims his own inferiority to another, and still more seldom likes to be told of it."

NO MATTER AT WHAT time you visit a friend's garden, you always are too late to see certain choice blossoms that now have gone, or are too early to see others that have not yet bloomed. There is never a time when a garden is at its best. It always is between times. . . . You date yourself if you confess ability to remember when stage performers "did the skirt dance." The skirt dance seems to have become extinct, one reason probably that the skirt itself is less in evidence than in earlier days. . . . Many oak trees have disappeared from our Peninsula landscape in the last 20 years. Some have succumbed to the ravages of disease and pests. Others have fallen sacrifice to the encroachment of artificial improvements. Much attention has been given to the matter of saving the existing oaks by suitable treatment, but little thought has been given to the planting of new ones. In the planting of new ones the real hope of this region's oaken future lies. . . . What unexpected sights a pedestrian sees when walking down San Francisco streets. At one corner I saw a man slip his false teeth from his mouth to exhibit them proudly to a friend. A few blocks farther on, a man sitting on the curb removed his plate, looked at it, and then restored it to its intended place. It may have been "Look-at-Your-False-Teeth-Day." . . . "Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people?" asked Abraham Lincoln, adding, "Is there any better or equal hope a world?"

THE QUIET GUEST in a hotel, who is intent only on getting a night's rest, may wonder at his lack of results when he reports repeatedly to the office the disturbing noises in a nearby room that grow louder and louder as the night becomes later and the celebrants become drunker. What the quiet guest fails to take into account is that the house is making money on that noisy celebration. The drunks who continue to telephone for yet more drinks to be brought up appear to be the desirable patrons, and the "sober crab" who complains is looked upon as the pest. . . . Those Ickesian die-hards who object to the official renaming of Boulder Dam as Hoover Dam should ponder the fact that the great structure never was accurately labeled when known as Boulder Dam. It is located not in Boulder Canyon, as many presume, but in Black Canyon 20 miles away. . . . The Post Office Dept. reports since the war a marked increase in violations of the postal injunctions against mailing lottery matter. The churches that raise money by lottery enterprises are declared to be among the major offenders. Some people are unaware that churches and charity organizations too are enjoined against such misuse of the mails. The fact is that the postal regulations make no exceptions in favor of either churches or charity. . . . "Increased means and increased leisure are the two civilizers of man," said Benjamin Disraeli. One may dissent from that to the extent of saying that all depends upon how those increased means and increased leisure are used. There have been affluent playboys, with nothing but time and money, who have turned out to be wastrels.

NO MATTER HOW BIG, HOW numerous and how conspicuous the signs proclaiming any of the following injunctions—"No Admittance," "Keep Off the Grass," "No U-Turns," "No Left-handed Turns," "Fresh Paint—Don't Touch," "Reserved for Patrons Only," "No Smoking," "No Dogs Allowed," "No Firearms Permitted"—there will never be any dearth of people ignoring the signs completely. . . . The whiskey ad continues to present "men of distinction" as their most typical customers, thus striving to slot from public thoughts the more numerous "men of extinction" who have reached their state of hopelessness by use of the same poisons. . . . If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you," said Donald Robert Perry Marquis.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "That hurts."

To Sell Land

Construction of approximately 20 blocks of home and business properties was foreseen in Millbrae Saturday with the announced plan of the San Francisco Water Dept. to sell it 55 acres of its holdings there.

The sale of the acreage, in two parcels of 30 and 55 acres, was announced by Joseph Phillips, director of properties.

The San Francisco board of supervisors has already approved the sale which is for 55 acres between the proposed Junipero Serra extension and El Camino Real, and for 30 acres on El Camino Real and Ludemund Ln., close to the San Bruno south boundary.

Officials expect the sale of the two parcels to amount to \$250,000.

Hears Bid

A strike sanction request from nine Bay Area locals of the International Assn. of Machinists was heard by the San Francisco AFL-CIO Central Labor Council's executive committee Monday, but the committee declined to reveal what action, if any, resulted.

The union sought approval of a strike for Thursday by 22,000 machinists in 375 Bay Area shops, including those in San Mateo County.

Plan Dinner

The San Mateo County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, Inc., an organization initiated during wartime, is planning to hold a dinner in honor of the board of supervisors.

The supervisors received a letter inviting them and their wives to the dinner, which tentatively has been set for May 22. Dr. Ray E. Harris, captain of the posse, wrote that the dinner will be at the group's clubhouse in South San Francisco.

Called Barter

Superior Judge Clark Clement Friday ruled that a liquor license is valuable property and recognized as a common article of barter and sale.

The judge made the ruling in a memorandum opinion handed down in the case of Antonio and Luigia Reginato against Michael Bumbaca. The Reginos had leased property at 1335 Bayshore Hwy., East Palo Alto, to Bumbaca in 1939, and included in the lease off-sale on-liquor licenses.

The lease expired in 1944, according to Reginato's complaint, and was not renewed. Reginato claimed that Bumbaca refused to return the liquor licenses.

The judge ruled that Bumbaca must return the licenses or pay the \$10,000 asked by Reginato.

Highway Funds

An additional \$27,000 for the state's share of the cost of grading and surfacing and building bridges on State Sign Route 1 between Waddell Cr. and Finney Cr. in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties, was voted Saturday by the state highway commission.

The commission last Jan. 22 voted \$300,000 for this project, which is financed half by the state and half by the counties involved.

55-Day Jail Term

Frederick W. Turgetto, 21-year-old Lomita Park chauffeur, has started to serve a 55-day county jail sentence following his conviction in the court of Justice of the Peace John J. Fahey Jr. for assault and battery.

Turgetto was charged with beating Grace Esirio, 20-year-old Redwood City usherette, during a date last Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

NOTHING IS QUITE SO warming to the cockles of the heart of a store detective as the sight of a "customer" who gives every evidence of intending to do a bit of shoplifting. The store sleuth is hired to discover and nab just such persons. If he does no nabbing, he can have no evidence to offer that he is serving a useful purpose, and so his job becomes jeopardized.

I recall once, in my earlier days as a department store employee, standing on a stair-landing beside the detective who had a group of mirrors arranged to give him a commanding view of the floor below and all that was going on there. He spied a woman who was hovering over some object on a display table. The detective was convinced that she was intending to steal it. How his spirits soared at that prospect. As he stood there nervously waiting for her to grab the article and attempt to make a getaway, he reminded me of a cat waiting expectantly at a gopher hole when earth-moving signs indicate that the rodent is about to emerge.

While the detective was still waiting anxiously and hopefully for that woman to attempt to make a lift, a salesgirl approached her and sold her the article. "Damn that salesgirl!" exclaimed the detective. She had spoiled all his fun.

IN A BIG MARKET in San Francisco this week I saw a sign reading, "For Your Protection—a plain clothes detective is on duty at all times. All shoplifters will be turned over to the police without exception."

That, I say, is playing more than fairly with all who are shopliftingly inclined. They are given a warning.

Shoplifters are by no means restricted to the ranks of the needy. A big percentage of those who fall into the net of the law includes men and women who are well dressed and give every evidence of being comfortably fixed financially. In this particular market as many as 76 shoplifters were nabbed in a single week—which gives you something of an idea, especially when you consider the big number of stores there are in the city.

The self-help markets are an open invitation to shoplifters. And many readily accept the invitation. One woman nabbed in that market wore a dress with full sleeves that buttoned tightly at the wrist. She was using those sleeves as bags for concealment of stolen wares. When arrested and searched, she was found to be concealing therein such articles as cans of sardines and tuna.

Another woman had managed to pack a suitcase full of stolen articles. She even got outside and parked the receptacle on the sidewalk, and then returned to the store for more. That return visit proved her undoing. The store detective caught her then.

A man who had stolen a bottle of wine attempted to throw it onto the floor when he was nabbed. He put up so vigorous a fight that two men were required to handle and hold him until the police patrol truck arrived to hustle him off to jail.

"Some days the shoplifters getting arrested provide so much excitement that we can hardly get our work done," one of the market's employees said.

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"HOW CAN I GET MY money back?"

That query is heard recurrently at Better Business Bureaus and at chamber of commerce offices, when people who have been bilked by roving swindlers of one sort or another tell their tales of woe about how some engaging solicitor, utterly strange to them, managed to talk them into placing an order, signing on the dotted line and making a cash deposit, and how they have waited for weeks, but so far have heard nothing more from the order.

In many instances there is no way of getting their money back, because the persuasive crook has decamped with the cash in pocket, and now is working fresh territory hundreds of miles away.

If the amount involved is under \$50, the victim may take it up with the small claims court. Even there there can be no chance of getting the money back if the crook himself is not available.

What is needed is more preventive caution by the victims themselves. First of all they should demand to see the soliciting permit (that should be) issued by the police department. If the solicitor has no permit, he is operating illegally.

Even if he has a permit, the prospective customer should bear in mind that issuance of such a permit does not in itself imply an endorsement of the solicitor's proposition or attest to the worthiness of whatever he is selling.

Often people's hearts are softened and their sympathies won by those traveling, smiling youths and maidens who seek magazine subscriptions on the plea that they are working for college scholarships. In most instances, such canvassers have proved frauds. Often the kind-hearted victims are left with nothing but worthless receipts, and never receive a copy of any magazine in return.

Customers show wisdom when dealing only with locally established sellers who are available the year-around, and to whom application can be made readily for redress if a purchased article proves faulty.

Garden

Public acceptance of All-America Rose Selections was so instantaneous that we're apt to forget that the first All-America awardees were so recent as 1940. Since then 19 varieties have scored high enough for the honor, and in perspective, the outstanding characteristic common to all of them is—hardiness.

A rose which can be grown by beginners as well as specialists must be able to take it on the figurative chin, and still come through with beautiful flowers. It must be hardy enough to rise above adversities.

Six roses were accorded All-America honors in 1940. The Chief, a flame-colored hybrid tea; Flash, an orange-scarlet climber and World's Fair, a scarlet floribunda were given highest honors that year. Dickson's Red, Apricot Queen and California, three hybrid teas, were also named.

In 1941, Charlotte Armstrong was the only winner. Charlotte Armstrong, a Southern California entry, is a cross between Sister Theresa and Crimson Glory. Its coloring is remarkable in that the buds are blood red, opening to spectrum red in cool weather, and to cerise in hot weather. One of its most attractive features is the long pointed shape and extreme length of the bud. It is the way one rose can describe it. The flower retains its color until the last petal drops. The petals when the flower is gone, it's gone for good—no dried up petals remain on the plant.

Then came 1942, and again only one entry was judged worthy of All-America honor—the fragrant Heart's Desire.

In 1943 two roses were named—Mary Margaret McBride, a large vigorous plant with five-inch flowers of coral pink; and Duchesse Charlotte, a rich hybrid tea, was the other winner. Mary Margaret McBride has proved exceptionally hardy, and has won many prizes.

In 1944 and 1945 these well-known seven were named: Katherine T. Marshall, a glowing pink; Lowell Thomas, lemon-chrome; Mme. Ching, a pale yellow; Mme. Marie Curie, a bright yellow; Horace McGarland, apricot opening to buff salmon; Miranda, a dark red with almost black shading; and the vermilion-orange Floribunda type, All the other six are hybrid teas.

Since the war, only two roses have met All-America standards. In 1946, as every gardener knows, Peace was named the greatest introduction of our generation. With astonishing hardiness, Peace has come through well in different soils and climates throughout the country. The yellow buds, with edges picked out of alabaster white, are now a favorite in literally thousands of gardens in Central California.

The 1947 All-America Rose is Rubaiyat, a deep red, was bred in Ireland by Samuel McGredy and Sons, a house famous for outstanding roses in the country. Rubaiyat has stood the variations in soil and climate with the hardiness all the All-America winners must prove.

Among the roses being registered this year, there has been some disparaging talk about Rubaiyat to the effect that it isn't up to usual standards. There may be some foundation for this, but the fact remains that Rubaiyat was the best entry for 1947.

No doubt there's justification for the argument that since it's beyond reason to expect a "Peace" rose every year, the All-America being added is absolutely right in making the best entry of the year the All-America, even though it falls below the high standards set by winners of other years.

If there is a champion every year, we can't expect these annual winners to all be of equal quality. It doesn't happen in other competitions. The countrywide testing and All-America selections enough to insure that every winner has that common characteristic—hardiness, the ability to come through when the going is tough.

Draft Ends Here

The doors of the Redwood City Selective Service Board 106 were closed Monday after six years and seven months.

Out of 6945 registrants in the area, 2731 were inducted through the local board and served in the armed forces. The board has received 3300 persons over 45 years of age.

Judge E. I. McCulliff served as chairman of the group for several years and was replaced by John H. Poole after he resigned. Patrick J. Keefe, George Paul, Lindsay P. Gray, George Paul, and Hugh Riley served as chief clerks of the board.

Present chairman is Arthur V. Swift, who today announced that local records are being shipped to the Office of Selective Service records in Sacramento for future reference.

Monday it appeared that after six years and seven months, the war is officially over for Redwood City.

Joins Bank

Paul J. Fischer, former Iowa and Colorado banker, has joined the staff of the First National Bank here as an assistant cashier, the board of directors announced today.

During the war, Fischer was employed in government service in San Francisco, and previously he had served as a bank examiner in Iowa.

Gambitz Named

The Belmont Fire District Commission Monday night appointed Dr. Lee Gambitz to serve the unexpired term of Commissioner Harry Welch.

Welch, whose term expires in April, 1948, resigned recently from the fire commission because of pressing business.

Articles of incorporation were filed with County Clerk William H. Augustus by the Paul Bunyon Lumber Co. Association.

The directors of the firm are listed as Kenneth R. and Blair H. Walker of 189 Alameda Ave., Alhambra, and Philip A. Ray, 520 Roosevelt Rd., Hillsborough.

Funds Granted

Redwood City Monday was assured of \$1800 worth of fireworks at the July 4 Celebration and Redwood.

Francis Britschgi, representing the Peninsula Celebrations Assn., which sponsors the celebration, asked the city council for the funds and after deliberation council approved the expenditure.

Britschgi pointed out that last year the council voted \$1000 for the fireworks, but that this year the association wanted to light the sky for two nights instead of just on July 4.

Mayor W. W. Hilton and Councilman W. M. (Bill) Werder raised the question of whether a two-night display was advisable, pointing out that the second night might be a "let down" from the first.

The motion to grant the \$1800 was introduced by Councilman Carl (Ike) Britschgi, brother of Francis. The question of whether to run off a one-night or two-night display was left to the association.

After they had decided to grant the funds, councilmen learned from City Mgr. E. W. Blom that there was no money left for such a project in the city budget. They by-passed this shortage by pledging the funds from the 1947-48 fiscal budget which runs from July 1 to June 30, 1948.

From City Mgr. Francis Britschgi said, an estimated 75,000 saw the Redwood City display.

Council also: Swore in H. E. Holmquist, who was appointed a councilman last week, to fill the position left open by the health resignation of C. C. Armstrong.

Granted a permit to operate a use car next to 853 Jefferson Ave. to Herman Swenson who operates a new truck agency. Objection to granting the permit was raised by Councilman Floyd D. Granger, who claimed council had agreed to issue no used car permits without consulting automobile dealers already in business.

Councilman Britschgi pointed out that those who were to guard established dealers against "fly by night" used car dealers. Swenson, he claimed, was a recognized dealer.

From City Mgr. E. W. Blom assured J. P. Traver of recently annexed Redwood Village that the city would soon install fire hydrants in the subdivision. Blom said the project had been slowed because of city inability to purchase valves.

Passed legal motions aimed at starting a Johnson St. and alley improvement project. Passed, after a public hearing failed to turn up objectors, was a resolution of intention to do the work, calling for assessment districts to handle costs and for plans and specifications to be submitted by June 1.

Adopted an ordinance amending the salary ordinance. The ordinance was amended to provide for new positions which were added since the original salary ordinance was passed and to provide for changes in the names of two other positions.

Adopted an ordinance which rezoned Oakwood Park No. 1 from second to first residential. The area rezoned is inside an oval formed by Oakwood Blvd., West and Oakwood Blvd. East.

Adopted the Redwood Industrial Tract, an area near Bayshore Hwy. near the National Motor Bearing Co. plant.

Ordered Blom to assist H. L. Sanders, 1771 Bayshore Hwy., in stopping a lumber company from allowing clouds of sawdust to fly over the Sanders property.

Heard Blom report to Councilman Arthur V. Swift that a city street repair gang is starting work. Passed a motion notifying state legislators from this area that the city favors passage of a bill by which the state would reimburse cities for money lost through veterans' tax exemptions. At present veterans, by state law, are exempted from paying some taxes. Although the state passed the law, only the cities lose tax funds under this provision.

Passed a motion calling on the Redwood City Traffic and Safety Commission to investigate the possibility of erecting new traffic control signs on city arterial streets.

Took no action on a proposal by Councilman Granger that parking meter collection men be deputized so they could make police arrests.

Ordered City Atty. Cuthbert Currie to investigate the possibility of an ordinance to regulate beekeeping.

Made these transfers of city funds:

1. \$3000 into the recreation department to pay for costs of operating an old vehicle.

2. \$500 to the sewer department from the unbudgeted reserve to pay for the installation of new sewer laterals.

3. \$350 to the attorney's salary fund to pay for the one month the city hired Paul McCarthy and Cuthbert Currie.

4. \$410 to the municipal building salary fund to pay for a substitute janitor, the regular janitor being forced to take a two-month sick leave.

5. \$150 to the park department for automobile expense.

Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Harmony Clan was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bean, 479 Center St., last Wednesday evening.

Program and membership business was discussed, in addition to the group's plans for the Fourth of July celebration.

Lois and Betty, "The Ringers," were hostesses and served refreshments to the attending members.

Sequoia Play

The Sequoia drama department's three act production "Smilin' Through" by Allan Langdon Martin, will be given for two evening performances Friday and Saturday evenings in the school auditorium starting at 8:30 o'clock.

Leads in this presentation will be taken by Chester Villalba, Hazel Doering and Bill Reynolds who will play an embittered old fogie, John Carteret, his sweet young niece and her Canadian soldier lover respectively.

The scene is Ireland while the time, since the plot includes a war, could be the present.

John Carteret's hatred for his sweetheart's murderer has been harbored for 50 years when his niece falls in love with the murderer's son. Carteret, furious at first comes to realize, through the supernatural appearances of his long dead sweetheart, that love means everything in life.

The cast includes Wilda Gardella as Carteret's long dead fiancée, Denny Henschel as the murderer; John Graham as Carteret's chess-loving crony; Paula Freitag as Carteret's bossy housekeeper; De Wayne Fulton as an assistant engineer in love with Carteret's niece, Kathleen; Barbara Lee Champion as Kathleen's aunt; and Joann Sills as Kenneth's mother. All cast members were chosen at the second act will be Lois Wik, Johnette Garrett, Avelene Tarmar, Roy Grey, John Nastari, Bill Braze and Millard Berry.

Coffee will be served between act two and three in a lantern lighted section between the auditorium and the main school building. At this special feature given by the drama department, the hostesses will be members of the "Lamp-lighters," an after school drama group under the student direction of Marlene Peppard, Sequoia Player.

Special musical effects which interlock the threads of the plot in act two will be supplied by Avelene Tarmar on the harp and John Nastari on the violin. The entire school orchestra under the direction of Mr. C. A. Wigell will play before the play and between acts.

The production staff managers include Curtis Axel, publicity and programs; Chester Villalba, ticket and finance; Pat Gabert, properties and script holding; Aurora Maurenton, costumes; Joann Sills, make-up; and Juanita Razo, house manager. Student members of the drama department include Barbara Lee Champion, Mary Sears, Deane Mervy, Beverly Sillman, Ed Whipple, Hazel Doering, Lois Wik, Joann Sills, and Ed Durn.

"Tickets for the Saturday program sponsored by the Redwood City Woman's Club will be sold by the club," states Mrs. Deborah Kiviat, drama chairman, who adds that according to the arrangements Sequoia will receive a 60-40 per cent split of the profits for this extra evening performance.

Children's prices will be 30 cents while the adult rate is 60 cents. All tickets may be obtained from Sequoia Players, in the school's Little Theater or at Miller's Stationery Store in Redwood City.

Hospital Vote

Absentee ballots for the \$150,000 Sequoia Hospital bond issue election must be voted before June 1, Election Registrar Russell Patterson announced Monday.

The simplest way for those persons who will not be able to get to the polls June 6 is to go to the election registration office in the courthouse, directly across the street from the sheriff's office, and mark the ballot there, Patterson said.

Those who are unable to go to the courthouse may make a written application for the ballot, Patterson said, setting forth the reason for inability to vote on June 6. The application may be on a form provided by the election registrar, or it may be simply a letter explaining the absence.

The registrar will then mail out a ballot, which must be notarized and returned by the end of this month.

Patterson declared that his office has set up the elaborate machinery usually provided during a general election, and advised absentee voters to mark the ballots in the registrar's office, rather than mail them in.

The registrar's office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

Patterson said that about 18,000 residents of the Sequoia Hospital Dist. will be eligible to vote in the election.

Plead Guilty

Three Santa Clara County men who had walked into a drugstore late Monday afternoon pleaded guilty to the burglary of Edwards Drive-In, San Carlos.

E. Q. Marsh, 26; D. G. Arnold, 18, and H. V. Hunley, 19, entered the guilty plea before Superior Judge A. M. Rannels, sitting in the court of Judge Aylett R. Cotton. The trio asked for probation, and the case was postponed until June 2, when they will be sentenced.

The trio was captured on April 17 after San Carlos policemen noticed a car parked near the restaurant. The police officers rushed for aid and arrested the trio. San Carlos policemen, deputy sheriffs and officers from Redwood City and Belmont surrounded the area, blocking all the roads.

The officers waited until the trio had loaded a safe from the restaurant into their car. The burglars drove a black and white sedan to a nearby street, where they hid the car. March disguisedly summed up the situation as the handcuffs were placed on them:

"Caught like rats in a trap," Marsh formerly had worked as a dishwasher in the restaurant, and officers stated that he had left a window open on two previous occasions. He subsequently cut the tip of a finger off in a most sheer left his job and went to work in a Palo Alto restaurant. The other two were from Mountain View.

Opposes Site

Opposition expressed by several nearby property owners to establishment of an elementary school on Selby Ln. in Atherton near the junction of the street with the Selby Ln. extension, resulted in a prolonged discussion of the subject at Tuesday's meeting of the Civic Interest League of Atherton. An overflow crowd of more than 100 persons jammed the town hall for the session.

Upshot of an hour's consideration of the problem was that Chmn. Irving E. Kesterson was directed by motion, made by Mrs. Thelma Eberhardt and seconded by George Forester, to appoint a committee of five members to give immediate study to the situation and report back to the chairman, who in turn will present the results to the Redwood City Elementary School Board and the Atherton Town Council.

The motion was not unanimous, but a preponderance of "ayes" over four or five "noes" led Chairman Kesterson to declare the motion carried.

The subject was opened after a talk on traffic safety had been given and several reports by committees were made. One of the reports, given by J. E. Schaefer, showed that a request is now being considered in Washington that a branch post office be established in Atherton under the Menlo Park office so that residents would have the mails addressed simply to Atherton instead of through Menlo Park and may also purchase stamps and handle other mail matters at the substitution.

Schaefer also reported his committee had also investigated the possibility of getting an Atherton telephone exchange but that probably the most that could be expected from this request was that eventually all Atherton numbers would have the Emerson prefix, as do a third of Redwood City's telephones at present. He also said the matter of water rates was being studied.

On the matter of establishment of a school on Selby Ln., opinion seemed pretty well divided in whether the 5½-acre site selected was the best available or whether another site should be sought that would not be objectionable to anyone.

School Supt. Andrew Spinas, who was present, said that actually the property had already been contracted for and that consummation of the deal was set for June 5, he said.

Ideally situated for development of a school in the future, and explained that it was bought rather suddenly when it unexpectedly became available.

John Kiviat, the Atherton realtor who sold the property, said that he had bought it for speculative purposes, and had not exactly desired to sell it for a school because he could make more from it as a subdivision. However, he said when the school board asked him for the property, he agreed to sell it.

A score or more of persons spoke pro and con on the subject, those opposing the site contending that neighbors had a right to the privacy and quiet, rural atmosphere they had purchased in moving to Atherton, and those favoring it declaring that education of their children instead of selfish interests should be paramount. One speaker condemned the secrecy he said surrounded the purchase, while another declared the site had been selected only after a lengthy survey.

The committee to be named by Chairman Kesterson will determine whether another site would be available that would be less objectionable.

Speaker was Robert W. Graver, traffic safety engineer for the California State Automobile Assn., who stressed the need of education of residents to drive carefully in order to promote traffic safety.

Mrs. Sirex Honored

The garden of the H. B. Lane home on Howard Ave. was the setting Monday for a luncheon in honor of Mrs. G. J. Sirex, retiring president of the San Carlos Parent Teacher Assn. Following the final session of the executive board the members adjourned to the Lane home to enjoy a luncheon prepared by Mrs. Lane, Mrs. C. W. Cadigan and Mrs. H. E. Cooper. The three hostesses chose this as their project for the benefit of Woodhaven, contributing all proceeds for use in improving the park Scout camp.

During the afternoon Mrs. Sirex was presented with a beautiful aluminum tray, gift of her board members in appreciation of her fine leadership in the past year.

At the board meeting preceding the luncheon two appointments by Mrs. L. B. West, incoming president, were ratified—that of Mrs. Josephine Kipp as corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Leonard Parker as parliamentarian. The board voted to recommend endorsement of the Sept. 27 meeting of the San Carlos Community Forum, at which the "What Misunderstanding Can Do."

Miss Ruth Melendy outlined the school's proposed speech program for next year, to be expanded by the inclusion of basic puppetry, informal dramatization and formal drama. All age groups will be included in the program, under the direction of Miss Carolyn Fisher.

In addition those presiding at the board meeting and luncheon included Mrs. C. H. Rengstorff, Peter Vectors, P. H. Alecock, M. R. Hosmer, W. H. Pennat, E. R. Crawford, P. F. Byrne, R. H. Gordon, Norma Hargis, J. M. Kipp, R. Walker, J. R. Rinaldi, M. W. Greenlee, L. M. Silva, S. R. Kirkes, Howard Evans, W. N. Watson, B. O. Wheeler, J. E. Mahoney and J. P. Wheeler Jr.

Daughter Named

The very new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Stone has been named Patricia Ann. She was born in Palo Alto Hospital on May 7.

Officers Installed

Peninsula Chapter 47, Disabled American Veterans, installed Clement R. Baume of this city, as commander at a joint installation with their auxiliary held Friday evening at the Veterans Bldg. in Palo Alto.

Installed with Mr. Baume were Aris Partidos, Redwood City, senior vice commander; Eugene Badger, Redwood City, junior vice commander; Gilbert Pipkin, Redwood City, chaplain; Louis Richter, San Carlos, adjutant; J. Gene Barrett, Redwood City, treasurer; Carl Kron, Redwood City, service officer; Mervin Jeffery, Redwood City, officer of day; William Fabiner, Redwood City, sergeant at arms; J. Gene Barrett, state executive committee; Henry Miller, Menlo Park, judge advocate; Retiring commander, Henry Miller, will act as alternate state executive committee.

The installation was conducted by Ray Claudi of San Francisco, Department of California Americanism chairman, assisted by the degree team of Dugout 135, National Order of Trench Rats.

Mrs. Lena Sorrelli of Redwood City was installed as commander of the auxiliary by Mrs. E. Ruth Barrett, California State Hospital chairman and adjutant of the unit. Assisting her were Mrs. Rose Wentworth, past state commander, and Miss Louise Kohler, third district commander.

Serving with Mrs. Sorrelli will be Mrs. Alice Baume of Redwood City, senior vice commander; Mrs. Alice Badger of Redwood City, junior vice commander; Mrs. Ann Richter of San Carlos, chaplain; Mrs. E. Ruth Barrett of Redwood City, adjutant; Mrs. Jennie Payne of Redwood City, conductress; Mrs. Ruth Bailey of Palo Alto, sergeant at arms; Mrs. Lois King of Redwood City, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Ruth Gromiko of Redwood City, and Delores Flood of Redwood City, color bearers; Mrs. Christine Kron of Redwood City, musician.

Retiring commander, Martha Miller, was installed as state committee woman.

After the installation ceremonies, members of the chapter and auxiliary and their guests celebrated the fourth anniversary of the auxiliary with a baked ham dinner and birthday cake, decorated with forget-me-nots, the official flower of the DAV organization.

The guest list included Mr. Harry Wentworth of San Francisco, past national executive committee; Mr. Phil Henry of San Jose, department of California Americanism; Mr. Harold Gibson of San Jose, fifth district commander; Mrs. Anna Kohler, past state commander, DAV auxiliary; Mrs. Anna Gibson, fifth district commander, DAV auxiliary; Mrs. Lily Brannaman of Palo Alto, state president of the American Legion auxiliary; Mrs. Anna Bennett Robb, past president of Redwood City American Legion auxiliary; members of San Jose chapter and auxiliary DAV; members of San Francisco chapter and auxiliary DAV and several members of the Redwood City Business and Professional Women's Club.

Anniversary Party

Bohita Parlor 10, Native Daughters of the Golden West, celebrated the 60th anniversary of the parlor with a dinner meeting at the Three Owls Wednesday evening.

The parlor was instituted on May 11, 1887, in the Wahl Bldg. on Main St. The building was torn down several years ago to continue Broadway through the city. There were 35 charter members of the parlor and the only living member is Mrs. Mamie Glennan, who is still a very active member of the order. The 15 officers were presented with the officers' regalia by the Native Sons Parlor.

Following the dinner Wednesday evening, a program was presented which included selections on the occasion by Mrs. Mae Stewart accompanied by Mrs. Planda Jr. and community singing by the entire group assembled.

Mrs. Evelyn I. Carlson, past grand president of the Grand Parlor, addressed the group and a birthday cake was presented as a gift from the Redwood Parlor 66, Native Sons of the Golden West. Miss Emily Kelting was presented the 50-year pin by Mrs. Madeline Bartolomei Wallace who, even as a child, knew Miss Kelting.

Mrs. Glennan, the charter member, was presented with the 50-year pin by the Grand Parlor and the Bonita Parlor had a diamond set in the pin to signify the 60-year membership held by Mrs. Glennan. Mrs. Mary Byrd, president of the Bonita Parlor, presented the pin to Mrs. Glennan, who also received many gifts and corsages.

Those given 25-year pins, presented by Mrs. Glennan, were Mrs. Nellie Casey Morlock, Ann Botto Agrotti, Allen Glennan Maguire, Clara Keller, Olga Hedge, Margaret Kistner, Jane Haber, Eva Hallett, Phyllis Wilson, Anita Hess Knackstedt, Dorothy Cerqui, Mary Junker Rawley.

Cancels Party

As a notice to Catholic Daughters, Collet M. Carmel, who is scheduled for Thursday due to the illness of the chairman, Mrs. John McCrea, and since the grand regent, Mrs. Edward Murphy, is attending the state federation convention at Hotel Coronado.

The next meeting will be held June 12 at which time the newly elected officers will be installed. Last week Mr. Carmel members attended a reception for new members at San Mateo. Initiated for the court there was Mrs. Milton Gooding.

Present at that meeting were Mrs. Mary Mollihan, Allen Maguire, Anna Hanley, Gesuina Miller, Peter Locatelli, Robert Gebbie and Edward Murphy.

Issue Permit

A building permit for the construction of a 13-unit auto court at El Camino Real and San Juan Ave., Millbrae, was issued by County Bldg. Insp. A. W. Russell. The permit was issued to Albert I. Mayberry, the owner and contractor. The building inspector set a valuation of \$25,000 on the auto court.

Peasants Program

The Peasants will hold a special spring folk dance Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock in the Central School auditorium, San Carlos. This will be an all request program, those in charge said today, consisting of the 40 most called for dances of the past year.

Many of the Peasants were seen Sunday at Stanford University attending the federation dance festival. Among those taking part were Bob and Jean Taylor and Van and Jean appeared in the exhibition dance "Kamarinskya." Ralph and Hilma Freese took part in the American square dance exhibit.

Monday the beginners' class will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the city hall when the Russian "Eston," a version of the American Cowditch, will be taught. Also the "Koraduska" as performed recently on the ship "Industria" in the Oakland harbor.

The advanced class meeting at 8:30 p.m. will work on exhibition dances to be presented for the Carlesian Club on June 3.

Plans Campaign

The San Carlos Racquet Club are going "all out" to work for their contestant for the Fourth of July queen, Jane Coburn, it was decided when the group met Friday at the Recreation Center.

During the evening member worked on lapel pins with tennis racquet insignia which will bear the contestant's name. A daughter of members, Jane is 15 years old and a sophomore at Sequoia High School.

A program of local talent was prepared by Audrey Justus with recitations and dance numbers. Evening guests included Terry McLean and Larry Spence. New members joining the club were Alice Felling, Morris Waxman, Zeldine, Hilda Dixon, and Penny Dixon. Davis Galleher and Bertram MacDonald Jr. Host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown.

Parents' Corner

FAMILY TRENDS

Figures and statistics seem to be convincing only to the poor creatures who stay up nights to compile them. Two years ago we compiled a summary of trends in family living for a group of Washington officials. Now the officials have published the study but they have ignored the statistics we gave them.

The next time we get a questionnaire calling for a lot of figures it will be chucked into the wastebasket. Instead of statistics, we'll send them summaries of cases. Here are some indications of trends two years ago in wartime family life. They are typical of a minority which, at that time, was growing.

We are just now beginning to see the results of wartime family life. No. 1: Grandma had charge of the kids and grandma was drunk! Even grandmas have changed and this was a new model. She was in her forties and hadn't a grey hair in her head. She had had her children before she was twenty, and had lived an upright life in an isolated, strictly-laced Midwestern community.

Grandma and Grandpa moved out to work at the aircraft factory first, and after they got established their daughters and grandchildren followed. The whole tribe lived close together, and when Grandpa got tired of working she said she would stay home and keep an eye on the kids.

She did stay home, but her eyes were on a bottle most of the time and the kids were driving the neighbors frantic. Actually, Grandma had discovered that she was not a mother, and was in a state of mild inebriation. She had forgotten the standards of her own home town and was trying to catch up on the fun that she had missed.

The solution of this case was relatively simple. The children were placed in a day care center at a nearby school. When Grandpa realized fully what had happened, he took Grandma to task severely. Grandma went back to work, stopped drinking, and the neighborhood was peaceful once more.

No. 2: Alice had been a very good girl until recently, but now her teachers were worried. The family had lived in the same community ever since Alice was born, thirteen years before. The police had picked up Alice with a gang of much older, tougher youngsters hanging around some downtown joints. She did not have a "record" and was released to her parents, although the school was notified of what had happened.

The counselors and visiting teachers talked with Alice and found that she was ashamed and apologetic, saying that she knew better than to run around with that older crowd.

Two weeks later Alice was picked up for the second time, walking the downtown streets with a man ten years older than she. This time the investigation was made which revealed that both Alice's parents worked nights. They were gone by the time Alice got home from school and they didn't get home until midnight. There was no one to look out for Alice. She was drifting from bad to worse as she sought companionship during the lonely evenings. By the time the police caught up with her she needed for real trouble. Pressure was needed to get Alice's mother to change her job so she could be home evenings.

People themselves mean more than statistics, don't they? Those of us who work with children know that the war did upset home life. We saw a good many situations like this two cases given above. We are glad that Americans are beginning to reestablish normal home life again.

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Commuter News

By JOE CABOSE

(Always in the Train)

We've been reading and hearing a lot lately about what's wrong with our local public school system. Education is something we know very little about by virtue of having so little of it. In fact, we barely missed illiteracy. So, admitting we have no license to comment, we do so fearlessly and frankly in the knowledge mistakes are always the guy who knows nothing about a subject who discusses it with complete confidence and fluency.

A man who has failed at everything else can always write a book on "How to Succeed."

But even a dummy knows that education is a profound subject, with infinite ramifications, and that no one man, or no group of men, has all the answers. In the present controversy there is a lot of right, and perhaps some wrong, on both sides. The thing to do, it seems to us, is to admit the problem's complexities, and to talk it out (without heat and name-calling) and try to arrive at sensible and practical conclusions.

One of its practical aspects is that our public school system is supported out of taxes, and all of our pay taxes. Like any other commodity for which we spend our money, we like to feel we are getting value for it. Getting value means having our young people come out of high school with at least a working knowledge of the 3Rs, plus spelling.

A basic knowledge of the 3Rs, plus spelling, covers a multitude of deficiencies in educational frosting. We don't want a child who is a good man, and we've been floating on that ever since. It confirms our contention that if you learn to read and write, but good; keep your shoes and fingers polished, and change your shirt with reasonable regularity, no one can tell whether you are a third-grader, like ourselves, or a college professor.

But woe unto him who doesn't learn his 3Rs, but good!

On the basis of our experience (which extends to years as personnel director for a large corporation), the average public school graduate can't write for sour apples, and his spelling and arithmetic are as good as nothing. (We never gave any reading tests.) Our application forms for employment had to be filled out in longhand because we were hiring for jobs in the same old-fashioned steamship company) where legibility was an all important factor, as it is in all clerical positions.

Well, the handwriting of most of these youngsters was so terrible you simply could not make it out. You might have guessed at some of the words, but the spelling spelled correctly; but the spelling in many cases was downright shocking. And the few who could write and spell passably very often had the worst handwriting. This is fact, not fiction. And you would say over and over to yourself, "What in the world do they teach these kids?"

Here's the opinion of one man, who admittedly knows nothing about the internal workings of our public school system: The responsibility is not alone with the school and the teacher. It is quite as much with the home and the parents of the student. The finest school in the world can't turn out a good graduate unless he has had proper supervision and encouragement at home. Making a good citizen is a dual responsibility of the teacher and the parent.

A further observation: We have good teachers in San Mateo County, but they are underpaid. If they were paid then a living wage, thereby lessening the distraction of economic strain, they would have more time for, and could put more heart into, their high calls.

Both the food and the attendance were poor at the Commuters' dinner meeting Thursday evening. House committees elected were: House members at \$2 each are pretty high. Only 45 commuters showed up to hear one of the best speaking programs the club ever put on. Sharing the spotlight on Wednesday were Judge W. H. "Bud" Thorpe and Fire Chief Joseph Lodi. Each gave a delightfully interesting and entertaining talk on this respective municipal activities in action. McClellan, representing Ken Bowden's New Hospital Campaign Committee, made a brief plea for support of this project at the polls June 6.

Business transacted included the annual election of officers and six new directors. The new officers were: president, Paul Allen as president; George Raubinger as vice president; and Norman Meyers as secretary. The installation party will be held May 29 at Pioneer Inn, Woodside.

The house committee held its annual frolic over this past weekend at George Raubinger's and Duke Martin's cabin in the Santa Cruz Mountains. . . . Friends of Chester Armstrong will be glad to know he is improving steadily, his doctor now putting him up for an hour or two each day. . . . Floyd Hagen, Commuter scout master, is likewise on the road back after serious complications resulting from a fall.

Speaking of Scouts, Roy Fredlund, Commuters' chairman for Troop 160, reports that 26 of his new recruits, including the 100 Scouts that attended the county-wide camporee at Flood Park over the weekend, Troop 160 captured one first and three third-place awards in field. Troop 160 also won the county's senior patrol of Eagle Scouts virtually ran the troop in the absence of Hagen, Fredlund reported. Commuters are mighty proud of their Troop 160 and the men and boys who supervise it.

Attends Confab

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The convention starts tomorrow at the Mission Inn, and is an annual affair.

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"At the present time I don't believe the three recommendations should be put into practice," Argo declared following the meeting, "until other authorities are taken into conference, since in my belief the recommendations are in variance with modern trends."

The three recommendations of the Stanford professor referred to by Argo are: 1. Reduction of subject matter from six to five courses. 2. Dropping of the controversial social living course. 3. Modification of the counseling system.

Referring to social living, Argo declared, "Personally I believe it is an outstanding course. I am heartily in favor of its continuance at Sequoia with some modifications to make it more functional."

Argo told the teacher group that in his opinion the English and world culture part of the course should not be dropped.

A l m a c k ' s recommendation of dropping subject matter from six to five courses would lower graduation requirements from 24 to 20 units, Argo told the teachers, and would therefore reduce opportunity 16 per cent.

After pointing out that Almack had recommended cutting English requirements from three years to two years, Argo suggested that other subject matter should be considered before such a drastic cut is made.

Argo told the group that even though tests showed Sequoia students below average in English, their growth was normal with the rest of the country in progress.

"There has been excellent English teaching done at Sequoia," Argo said, "and I feel we should be proud, rather than ashamed of it."

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